Support for funding Dale Farm Traveller Office/Community Hut

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Dear Sir

Over the past two years, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service have supported the idea of establishing a community office at the Traveller Site at Dale Farm. For that purpose we have assisted Mr Richard Sheridan in securing a BT landline to his yard at Dale Farm and have purchased and supplied him with a fax machine, so as to start the process of establishing a community office.

Mr Sheridan has now purchased a small trailer for his yard to operate as an office and has installed the telephone line and fax machine. The office is now the contact point for all the organisations that engage with the community.

Mr Sheridan is the spokes person for the community at Dale Farm and is also a member of the Traveller and Gypsy council, he is also a governor at the local Primary School at Crays Hill and has worked tirelessly in supporting the community in its fight to avoid eviction from the site. At the moment the community are waiting the outcome of a judicial review from Strasburg. The Fire Service fully supports the community at Dale Farm and wish him well in his application for a grant to assist him in establishing the community office.

Regards

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